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LB 166, 367, 556, 588,  
620, 622, 697, 703,  
714, 820, 841, 849,  
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opposition. The next day the bill was killed by Committee. Now I understand that LB 820 has also been introduced which is more broad in scope than just LB 588. 588 deals merely with new construction. LB 820 deals with other aspects of construction. In talking to Senator Richard Lewis, who is Chairman of the Public Health and Welfare Committee, it was my initial concern that LB 820 may not have gotten out of Committee because there was some opposition to it. However, since talking to him I understand that LB 820 will be coming to the floor. My concern, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, was that this Legislature, if it is truly to be responsible, must pass some sort of energy conservation methods this year, whether it be LB 588 or LB 820, and because the understanding that I have that LB 820 will be coming to the floor, and does incorporate some of the aspects of LB 588, with that understanding and that it is clear for the record, I would withdraw my motion to raise LB 588 from Committee.

PRESIDENT: All right. The Clerk has some matters to read in.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Judiciary whose Chairman is Senator Barnett to whom is referred LB 556 instructs me to report the same back to the Legislature with the recommendation that it be advanced to General File with amendments. 622 advanced to General File, 703 advanced to General File, 714 advanced to General File with amendments, 841 advanced to General File with amendments, 910 advanced to General File, 166 indefinitely postponed, 367 indefinitely postponed, LB 849 indefinitely postponed. Mr. President, your Committee on Education gives notice of executive session for February 27, 1978, upon adjournment.

PRESIDENT: The Clerk has advised that Senator Frank Lewis, not being present, has asked that LB 620 be held over. We go to Select File, LB 697. Are there E & R amendments there?

CLERK: Mr. President, the E & R amendments were adopted by the body on February 17, 1978. Senator Fowler offered a motion on page two, lines two and three, to strike the words "under the direction of the Legislature, the Committee on Appropriations" and insert, "upon request of the sponsor of a bill". Senator Bereuter has a motion pending to amend the Fowler amendment by eliminating "the sponsor of a bill" and replacing it with "any legislator".

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, trying to resume debate where we were last Friday, I would remind you that Senator Fowler's intention was to place the responsibility for requesting the business/consumer impact statement only on the introducer of the bill rather than as it's now constituted, the Appropriations Committee, on any bill that increases the power of a state agency or a political subdivision. Basically this would be about one in eight bills according to our survey last year. I feel that it would be entirely inappropriate to propose that the introducer of the bill be the only person that could request such an impact statement. After all, in many instances, they are not unbiased in what they are attempting to do and what I am attempting to do with the bill is to bring to the attention of the Legislature, the hidden regulatory cost on business and therefore on consumer and it was therefore the method chosen in the bill was to provide that the fiscal analyst would prepare that under the direction of the Appropriations Committee. I believe that the fiscal analyst could prepare

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